

# Childwall School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you at the end of the Academic Year 2009/10. As always we are hugely ambitious for our young people at Childwall Sports College. Parents will be aware that for the past years we have exceeded our GCSE Targets and are extremely hopeful that this pattern will continue into 2010 and beyond. Our Examination Results, GCSE and Post 16 Level will be available at the following dates and times:

#### Post 16 Results

**Thursday 19th August from 10am**

#### GCSE Results

**Tuesday 24th August from 10am**

Our examination candidates have responded exceptionally well to the demands of the Public Examinations for 2010 and I wish them all good fortune in the future. We are already over subscribed for places in our Sixth Form for September 2010. Parents will be aware that the **new term** starts on the 31st August 2010 with a full Staff Training Day. On Wednesday 1st September the new Year 7 and the new Year 12 are in school. All students will return to school on Thursday 2nd September.

**The Progress File Ceremony** for Year 11 took place on Wednesday 23rd June with our chief guest being Tony Garbelotto who is the Basketball Coach for Everton Tigers and England. This was a

marvellous occasion and I wish to thank parents, students and staff for their wonderful support on this day. The Year 11 Prom took place on **Thursday 24th June** and again our students were an

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absolute credit to themselves and their families.

Our new Year 7 will be joining us for a full day's Learning & Teaching on **7th July**. The new

Year 7 will be undertaking a visit to the Martin Mere Centre in Burscough as part of the Year 7 Induction Programme. Students will be supported and accompanied by the Year 7 Pastoral Team for September 2010. The dates for the visit to Martin Mere are now confirmed as **29th and 30th September**. Parents would wish to know that our Review Day is scheduled for **22nd October** when all students are invited in to School to discuss progress with Group Tutors. Our Open Evening takes place on **Thursday 16th September**, further details to follow from Miss Gall.

D.W.Phillips  
Headteacher

## Staffing

As always we will be bidding farewell to a number of staff at the end of the Academic Year 2009/10. My best wishes and thanks for their superb service go to the following colleagues:

**Mr Tim Alderman**  
**Ms Kathryn Brown**  
**Mr Scott Corrigan**  
**Mrs Gloria Moore**  
**Mr Lloyd Pringle**  
**Ms Rachel Sefton**  
**Ms Joanne Stephens**  
**Ms Rachel Strong**  
**Ms Helen Thompson**

**Deputy Headteacher**  
**English Teacher**  
**PE Teacher**  
**Catering Staff**  
**PE Teacher**  
**Drama Teacher**  
**KS3 Coordinator English**  
**Mathematics Teacher**  
**Pupil Support Worker**

School will close on **Wednesday 21st July at 3.10pm** and I do hope that all parents, students and staff have a wonderful summer break.

## Year 10

Parents will be aware that all Year 10 Students took part in our Work Experience between the 21st of June and Friday 2nd July.

Reports for students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 will be sent to all parents in the final days of the Summer Term 2010. I would be obliged if all parents ensure that they review the report with their son/daughter and retain the report in readiness for the Review Day which takes place on Friday 17th September.

## Careers Information to parents

The Parents' Careers Club.

Careersbox has been providing a free careers service to schools and careers professionals – to great success. They are now letting you know about their new Parents' Careers Club. This service is free. Parents' Club provides free work related film content, covering hundreds of different employment and training opportunities throughout the UK.

There is always something new to learn about the world of work and training.

<http://careersbox.co.uk/parentsclub.htm>

The Career Education and Guidance programme at Childwall School is aimed at raising pupil's awareness of the importance of career choices and encourages pupils to develop self awareness and decision making skills. We work closely with the Connexions service who visits the school on a regular basis to give guidance and support to all pupils.

B. Thomas

## Childwall Sports College and BBC Project

Recently students from Childwall Sports College's A Level Science Groups continued their work with the Royal Society and were delighted to appear on the National BBC News Programmes describing the work they were doing in conjunction with Liverpool University. The students conducted a series of experiments on Crosby Beach which has been made famous by the Anthony Gormley Iron Figures. The setting provided the ideal backdrop for filming giving access to sea water and sand needed to carry out the experiments which related to tidal mixing and sediment. In 2009 Childwall Sports College was delighted to be the only secondary school to present at the Royal Society Summer Exhibition. The project involves collecting data from the Irish Sea Observatory which deals with matters relating to sea level rises and the transportation of fresh water into the ocean.

## Duke of Edinburgh at Childwall Sports College!

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is well established at Childwall Sports College and the first group of Gold winners will be receiving their awards in London in 2010. Youngsters in Year 9 commence the programme and



recently a group of youngsters pursuing the silver award embarked on the five day residential in Wales. Students were led by Mr Cheetham and Miss Cooke. The group was looking forward to some excellent weather and many miles of walking in the Welsh hills.

## Everton Memorabilia at Childwall Sports College

Recently Everton Football Club in conjunction with the Learning Resource Centre at Childwall provided examples of Everton memorabilia as a further aid to the development of Literacy Skills. We were delighted to receive a

and an old leather football used during an Everton Cup Final and a plethora of documentation including programmes of Everton matches some going back to the early 1890's. The children were delighted to be able to see this



representative from Everton FC who explained to students from Key stage 3 of the importance of the memorabilia which included old fashioned football boots

which led to some very creative writing which enhanced further the literacy skills of students in Childwall.

V. Caren

## BBC Blast

On Friday 21st May 2010, Childwall Sports College was host to the BBC Advance Truck, which offered a range of extracurricular media activities to Year 9 students throughout the day. Our students got the opportunity to work with a team of experienced and enthusiastic BBC Staff, to create their own cartoon strips, music and radio adverts. The BBC were also here to inform all pupils about more opportunities to be involved in workshops, when they were back in Liverpool for the Hub Festival at the end of May. Some great work was produced and all involved had a great day!



The school has also been involved with another area of the BBC Blast event, gaining valuable experience working with local fashion designer, Kirsty Doyle. A group of Year 10 & 12 students worked with Kirsty, creating bold garments suitable for a pop star. This project had a strong theme of environmentally friendly design; the students developed some brilliant ideas, rising to the challenge admirably! These sessions produced some great results, and the students took their work to display to all in the BBC Blast showcase at the Hub Festival. Our congratulations go to all involved in this successful initiative!

V. Young (D&T PGCE student)

## Childwall Sports College links with Everton FC

Recently a group of Students from Year 9 at Childwall spent some time working with Everton FC on a range of business/enterprise activities. The students thoroughly

of other secondary schools in Liverpool. We were delighted at the outcome which showed that Childwall Sports College had won three of the five activities



enjoyed the range of activities and were delighted to be invited to Goodison Park to take part in this final assessment of activities in competition with a number

and the students were delighted to be presented with certificates by Rachel Brown the Everton Ladies England Goalkeeper.

## “Chill wall”

South Central Youth Support Project worked in partnership with Childwall Drama department to put on a Drama and Dance production called ‘Chill wall’ which was shown on Wednesday 26th May 2010.

This production was based on ghost stories from the Childwall area. Young people participated in script writing, choreography and drama. This was



a three month project involving 16 young people from Childwall School. The young people rehearsed every Tuesday afternoon at the School and Thursday afternoon at Harthill Youth Centre.

The play was a huge success and the youth work team thoroughly enjoyed working with all young people involved.

We were especially impressed with the dedication of the young people.

All proceeds from the production went to Childwall drama department.

## First Aid Training for all at Childwall Sports College

Part of Childwall Sports College’s role as a specialist PE college is to promote healthy living and healthy lifestyles. The school has a wide range of extra-curricular activities in all sports including judo, dance and a range of sports related qualifications. The school also promotes the



need for every student to undertake first aid training. Recently all of Year 8 students undertook first aid training working alongside colleagues from the Red Cross. By the end of the programme Childwall anticipates that every student will have learnt the basics of first aid to enable them to deal with first aid and health issues.

## Student’s Success at Childwall Sports College

Year 11 students at Childwall Sports College were delighted to receive their Progress Files at a high profile ceremony which marked the end of the exam period at Childwall 2010. In keeping with Childwall status as a Specialist Sports College the school invited Tony Garbelotto who is the Everton Tigers and Great Britain Basketball coach to present award to Year 11 students.



The school hall was packed with parents, governors, PTA members in addition to representatives from Liverpool Local Authority and neighbouring primary schools. Tony Garbelotto gave an inspiring speech to year 11 students encouraging them to once again exceed the schools targets for GCSE.

## Visit to Spain by Childwall Sports College

Recently a group of students from Childwall Sports College paid a reciprocal visit to Spain. The students were led by Mr McAteer of the school ICT Department and Miss Hafford of the Modern Foreign Languages Department. The large group of students met their counterparts



from schools in Almeria and also took part in a range of activities including an Arts Festival. There was some time for sightseeing during the course of the week long residential which took place under the auspices of the Schools International Status. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of getting away from school and home for a week and were delighted to be seen as celebrities in Spain with their photograph appearing in the Spanish press.

## Sport Day

Sports Day takes place on Friday 2nd July and is one of the highlights in the school calendar. I extend a very warm welcome to parents to join us on this important day in the life of Childwall Sports College. The opening ceremony takes place at 12 o’clock; all the activities will be taking place at Wavertree Sports Centre.

As a Specialist Sports College we are heavily involved in the ‘National School Sport Week’ which commences Monday 28th June. There will be a range of sports activities taking place in school during this week. On the 13th July we are privileged to be hosting a Year 5 and 6 Primary Gifted & Talented Sports Academy.

## School Meals

Childwall Sports College Governors have decided to raise the price of school meals to £2.20 with effect from Monday 7th June 2010. This price reflects the rising cost of food stuffs. Governors are committed to ensuring healthy meals at competitive prices.

## Everton Legend Visits Childwall

Pupils in Year 8 were treated to a 'meet and greet' with a true Everton legend, Graeme Sharp. Graeme had heard about the pupils' work with 'Terriers', an anti-gun crime play, and wanted to get their opinions on



the matter. Along with representatives from Merseyside Police and Liverpool Unites, Graeme discussed the pupils' work and their attitude to the complex social issues the play portrays. Graeme was delighted with



the pupils' comments and praised the English Department's work on the topic. Some of the pupils were also interviewed by a reporter from the Liverpool Echo and, as always, they were outstanding. A truly enjoyable experience was had by all involved.

Mrs Stephens

## Science

A Key stage 3 Gifted & Talented Residential will take place to South West Wales in the week beginning 12th July and details are available from Mrs Naidu Head of Science.

## History

A group of History Students will be visiting the First War Battle Fields in the week beginning 12th July. The arrangements are being made by Mr Rickards and Miss Smith of the History Department.

## Geography

Our A Level Geography Students visited Iceland as part of their A Level Course Work. Students left on Monday 21st June accompanied by Miss Price and Miss Allward. This will have been a wonderful experience for our youngsters.

## Drama

Our Key stage 3 Drama Production will take place on the 14th July and I do hope that all parents are able to join us for what is sure to be a high quality performance.

## The Big Book Bank from Waterstone's

This project encourages children to share books and reading with their classmates by giving or lending a book from home to our school book bank and in return get to pick a free book to keep from 1 of 9 selected titles. Waterstone's are also giving pupils a 10% voucher when you spend more than £10. This offer is available between 21st June – 1st August. Letters and Waterstone's leaflets are being given to pupils.

V. Caren

## PC Shaun

Firstly thank you all for the warm welcome at Childwall College. I am the new schools based police officer here replacing PC Jenny Slater who has moved on to the Youth Engagement Team with Merseyside Police.

I have just arrived after 14 years of operational policing in Liverpool South.

My role will not be one of an authoritarian old fashioned police officer but a role where I expect to see respect to each other and property, to provide a safe, secure working environment for all students, staff and visitors, assist those who seek my help and being available as much as possible to listen and act on all your concerns.

As you would expect I will be challenging certain issues... bullying, abuse to staff and fellow students, littering, lateness, bad language and general poor behaviour. There are going to be occasions when individuals will approach myself and disclose information, clearly it must be remembered that I am first and foremost a Police Officer with a duty to act when required, secondly my door will always be open to all for general advice.

As a parent myself I am aware of a lot of the issues that are encountered, as a police officer I am aware of how these issues impact on parents and the well being of the student so do not hesitate to contact myself if required.

Thank you

If parents have any queries regarding their children's education they should contact the school immediately.

Yours sincerely

D.W. Phillips  
Headteacher

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## Sixth Form News Year 11 to 12 Transition

The week beginning 5th July our current Year 11 students who have applied to join the Sixth Form will be introduced to their chosen A' Level courses of study and what to expect when they return in September. Our message will be that to achieve we must aspire and accept personal responsibility-this is key to success.

## Access to Higher Education

Many of our Year 13 students will be visiting local universities in order to gain insight into the world of higher education. On the 28 of June 70 students will be visiting Edge Hill University in order to sample taster courses and ask for advice on student life, finance and study. On the 29 of June 30 of our Year 13 students will be attending John Moores University where they will follow courses in Criminology, Geography, Sociology and History. On 30 of June we will be holding in-house sessions where we will be guiding our students on university course choice, UCAS application and how to write effective personal statements.

## Everton Trials

On the 28 of July Mr Croxton will be holding his Everton Trials for the Football Academy. This is an exciting and rewarding course which demands commitment and dedication. Our current Year 12 who are following this course have found it "outstanding".